(b) if so, what are the names of such entrepreneurs;

(c) whether t lis project has been cleared; and

(d) lif so, by when it is likely to be commission

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER); (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sinking of Indian Fighter

1854. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI HAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI MOHINDER-SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 376 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28.4.93 and state;

(a) what are the- causes of the accident;

(b) whether Government have constituted any enqu ry to go into the details of the accident; and

(c) the details if the steps taken| likely to be taken by Government to provide financial assistance to the victims?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT iRI JAGDISH TYTLER). (a) and (b) The Govern, ment has deputed Senior Nautical Survey or to conduct preliminary inquiry into the sink ng of m.v. 'Viswa Mohini' of Shipping Corporation of India. Since the .nquiry is still in progress, it is premature to pftn-point the causes of the accident.

(c; In consonance with the Bipartite agreement between Snipping corporation of Inuia (SCI) ana tne respective Unions of Seamen, tile quantum ui compensation to oe pan various from Rs. o,oo,000|- to its. lJ.,titf,ouU|-tor officers, its. 2,08,7181- to its. &,&!, yiuj for crew ana Ks. Z,Y5,uU0|- to it& *,zo,u00|_ fur petty officers, in audition, compensation for loss of personal ettect is also payable. Tiie precise amount of compensation payaoie w respect of eaen-person wno aieu ana eacn survivor is being agsessea. riow ever, ex-gratia payment amounting to its. 20,000 nave alresay beea made to *l'* e next -.'f tne ku; of the 12 persons whose bodies nad been recovered and 21 persons miss *ag,* presumed dead. In so far as the survivors are concerned, ex-gratia payments amounting to US $200 plus Rs. 5,000|- have been made to eacii of the survivors.

1855 *[Transferred to 13 th May* 1993]

Rash Driving by Redline and other Private Bus Drivers

1856. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister oi SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure that the drivers of the privately run Re-line and other buses in Delhi do not drive rashly In competition with other buses on the roads as this endanger road safety; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) As per the conditions of permits issued to these buses they are bound to follow the Rules of the Road Regulations contained in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The Enforcement Staff of the Directorate of Transport and the Traffic

Police of the National Capital Territory 01 Delhi are over-seeing the observance of these rules by the Red-line and other buses plying in Delhi,

The Central Government have also directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that ivalic violations should be severely dealt with under relevant provisions of law. As on 26-4-03, 15555 prosecutions have been made against the red line buses.

Removal of Speed Breakers on National Highways

1857. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased 10 state:

(a) whether he has recently announced that all speed breakers on National Highways will be removed within six months;

(b) if so, whether the work of removal of such speed breakers has begun; and

(c) what is the reason for taking suGh a long time for removing the speed breakers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir. However, in the last meeting of Transport Development Council held in New Delhi on 22nd January, 1993, it was agreed by all the Transport Ministers of the States that the speed breakers on the National Highways will be removed by December, 1993.

(b) and (c) As a result of the efforts made by the Ministry many State Governments have already initiated action ar;d removed speed breakers. However, speed breakers have still not been removed at a number of locations either due to stiff public resistance or specific needs of local administration. Even for such situations, substitution of speed breads with suitable alternative mea-ros has been proposed.

Amount sanctioned for repairs of National Highways in Maharashtra

1858. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAN-DRA JICHKAR; Will the Minister ot SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) how many kilometres of Na-tional Highways in Maharashtra need repairs;

{b) what *i-j* the total amount sane-d I';© Maharashtra for Nation Highway road repairs; and

(c) how many kilometres of distance on which repairs would be possible from this amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) ; (a) Since the work of repairs to National Highways is a continuing activity it is not possible to indicate the exact length of National Highways requiring repair in any particular State (including Maharashtra) at a given time.

(b) and (c) The State-wise allocation for 1993-94 for maintenance and repairs has not yet been decided. Therefore, fit is not possible at present to indicate the length of National Highways that can be repaired.

Number of vehicfles in the country

1859. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA;

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR;

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) which city has the largest number of vehicles in the country (automobiles);